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## Foreign Intelligence Threat to US Interests

The United States and its allies are facing a continuing significant threat from foreign intelligence services, principally the USSR, and from their allies in the Bloc and Cuba, as well as from China. The 1982 study prepared in response to NSSD 2-82, Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat, 1983-1988, recommended improved positive intelligence analysis of foreign intelligence services, increased analysis of foreign technical collection systems, and improved procedures for damage reporting and assessment of compromised US information. In late 1983, National Security Decision Directive 108, directed the Intelligence Community to improve and expand its analytic efforts on Soviet camouflage, concealment and deception. And, recently the NSC has indicated its interest in NIT Number 35, Foreign Intelligence Services and Their Activities.

In an effort to respond to some of these recommendations, the DI established this cross-cutting research issue. It addresses all-source, positive intelligence analysis of foreign intelligence services, including their collection and analytical capabilities. It focuses primarily on the Soviet Union's capabilities and activities, and their interrelationship with the Bloc and Cuban intelligence services. It also includes the study of Soviet knowledge of US collection systems and analytical techniques, and the implications of Soviet data denial and deception activities. Finally, the issue addresses selected non-Soviet intelligence services, such as Yugoslavia and Libya.

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Work dealing with Soviet "active measures" is being done within the directorate, but is included in the theme on Communist penetration of the Third World.

The Foreign Intelligence Capabilities Group (FICG) of the Collection Requirements and Evaluation Staff manages this research issue and serves as the DI focal point for analysis of foreign intelligence services, intelligence denial and deception, and foreign intelligence collection activities, especially those involving technical sensors. Thus far, FICG has concentrated its efforts on the Soviet Union, publishing papers on Soviet deceptive measures against US imaging systems, Soviet intelligence analysis, and the S&T Directorate of the KGB.

FICG, along with several offices in the DI, has contributed to two major Intelligence Community efforts during the past year. The first was the Integrated Damage Assessment which evaluated the cumulative effect on US intelligence of 15 years of compromises, leaks, and espionage cases.

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The research issue consists of four sub-themes. The first three address various aspects of Soviet intelligence; the fourth addresses non-Soviet intelligence services. The themes are:

Soviet Intelligence Collection Against US Satellite Systems

Soviet Intelligence Denial and Deception Activities

Soviet Intelligence Collection and Activities

Key Non-Soviet Intelligence Services

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